



# Ms. Karen English

JUN 27, 1945 - JUL 22, 2020



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Karen Louise English passed away peacefully at Alive Hospice at the age of 75, after a quick but yet mounting battle with dementia. She was born in June 1945 in Rochester, NY to Alice and Ozzie Ullrich, and raised with 3 younger sisters in Worthington (Columbus), OH. She graduated from Whetstone High School in 1963, married Sam English in August 1971, and moved with their beloved daughter Emily to Nashville, TN in 1982. She spent the majority of her life in TN with her 2nd husband, Bill Smith (who precedes her in death), and shared her last years with her partner, Howard Melton, and cherished dog Mopsey.

Karen loved butterflies, birds, gardening, Josh Groban, pottery, giraffes, Animal Planet, and chocolate. She was incredibly strong-willed, enjoyed silliness and honesty, talked to strangers as if she'd known them for years, was drawn to civil rights, and was always interested in others' histories and opinions, wanting to understand and help as much as she could.

She loved her job as a lab technician at the Tennessee Department of Health, testing water quality across the state for 20+ years. She also enjoyed working as a lifeguard at the local YMCA for several years, where her interest in water quality continued as she proudly monitored pool water chemistry.

Karen is survived by her daughter, Emily; partner, Howard Melton; sisters, Mona Hett and Susan Salling; niece, Pam Salling; and nephew and wife, Mike and Heather Salling. She is preceded in death by husband, Bill Smith; sister, Barbara Jo Ullrich; and mother and father, Alice and Osmar (Ozzie) Ullrich.

Visitation will be held Monday, August 3, 2020 at Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery at 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216 from 9-10 AM. Funeral service will be held immediately following at 10 AM in the Spring Hill Funeral Home Chapel.



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Per CDC as well as State and Local guidelines, masks will be required for all visitors.

In lieu of flowers and to honor her love for dogs, donations may be made to the Nashville Humane Association at [nashvillehumane.org](http://nashvillehumane.org).



# Events

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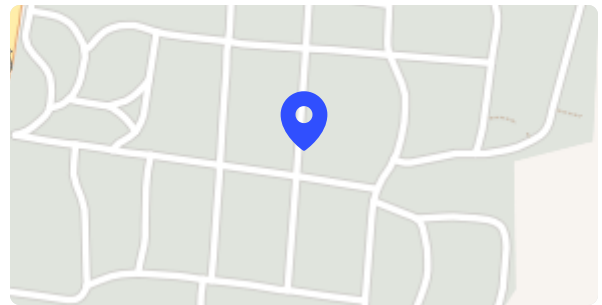
## Visitation

- Monday**, August 3, 2020
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



## Celebration of Life Memorial Service

- Monday**, August 3, 2020
- 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM CT
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VS

**Valeria Smith** posted:

Karen will be missed by so many. At this time, memories help us cope with our loss. Karen, I thank you for all the fond memories. My heart goes out to her family, especially Emily her daughter who she loved very much. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you. Val

August 3 at 6:15 AM

JS

**Janie Smotherman** posted:

I am thinking of you, Emily, and your sweet mom. I really enjoyed knowing her during our days at St. Paul's UMC. My heart goes out to you and your family and I pray that you will be comforted by our Lord and Savior❤️

August 3 at 5:57 AM



**Doug Smith** posted:

So sorry for your loss Emily, Mona and Susan. Karen was such a sweet and kind person. Our deepest condolences.Doug & Edith Smith Murfreesboro TN.

August 3 at 5:51 AM

DS

**Douglas Smith** posted:

Emily, Mona and Susan so sorry for your families loss. Karen was always sweet and kind to me and all the Smith family members. When Bill passed she was so nice and shared with all of us what ever keep sakes we desired. My deepest condolences.Doug & Edith Smith Murfreesboro TN.

August 3 at 4:57 AM



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**Amy Kurak** posted:

I am heartbroken at the loss of our beloved Karen. I take solace knowing that she is reunited in Heaven with my amazing brother Bill. I will miss the long talks I had with Karen anytime we were able to come together and I know that Mopsey will miss her dearly. My prayers are with Emily especially. Emily, your Mom was a gift from God and I know you will cherish all your wonderful memories of her.

July 31 at 9:23 AM



**Dianne White** August 1 at 12:06 PM

So sorry to hear this sad news. Karen was always so friendly to me when I worked for TDOH Laboratory Services. Loved her.



**Amy Kurak** lit a candle in honor of Karen.



July 31 at 9:18 AM



**Wanda Frye** lit a candle in honor of Karen.



July 26 at 2:20 PM



**Wanda Frye** posted:

We had many years passing each other in the halls at the State Lab and then also out side then we would go out out side to cry and that is how we became friends and more. After you retired we would have lunch some times. T hen Ellia and I both retired we started having lunch every Friday.Karen I love you I am so happy that you came into my life.I will miss you.Wanda

July 26 at 2:16 PM



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WF

**Wanda Frye** posted:

The years we had passing in the halls at the State Lab crying on out side together and then all the lunches we had on Friday after we retired, You will be missed my dear friend I love you now and always. Wanda

July 26 at 1:45 PM

NO

**Nonie** posted:

I have many fond memories of working with Karen at the State Lab and enjoying our hikes together. My condolences to Emily. Nonie

July 26 at 6:01 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Karen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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